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the leading anatomists of the United States to participate in a conference in the interests of anatomy in America. Two sessions of this conference were to be held in the library of the Wistar Institute, on April 11 and 12, beginning each day at 10:30 A.M. The object of this conference is to discuss the possibility, advisability and means of organizing central institutes for the promotion of research in the different subdivisions of anatomy such as physical anthropology, comparative anatomy, topographical anatomy, embryology, histology and neurology, and to establish relationship with similar institutes abroad. The conference was proposed by Dr. M. J. Greenman, director of the Wistar Institute, and the following anatomists are expected to be present: Dr. Lewellys F. Barker, professor of anatomy, Chicago University; Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, professor of zoology, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Henry H. Donaldson, professor of neurology, University of Chicago; Mr. Simon H. Gage, professor of embryology, Cornell University; Dr. G. Carl Huber, professor of embryology, University of Michigan; Dr. Geo. S. Huntington, professor of anatomy, Columbia University; Dr. Franklin P. Mall, professor of anatomy, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. J. P. McMurrich, professor of anatomy, University of Michigan; Dr. Chas. S. Minot, professor of embryology, Harvard University; Dr. George A. Piersol, professor of anatomy, University of Pennsylvania.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

THE National Academy of Sciences will hold its annual stated session at Washington, beginning Tuesday, April 18.

THE American Philosophical Society is this week holding its general meeting at Philadelphia.

Dr. R. S. Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institution, was given a dinner by his colleagues at Columbia University, at Delmonico's, on April 4. Speeches were made by President Butler, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Dr. John S. Billings, Professor E. B. Wilson and President Woodward.

Dr. H. A. Lorentz, professor of physics in the University of Leyden, and Professor V.

F. Bjercknes, professor of mathematical physics in the University of Stockholm, will give courses of lectures at Columbia University next year.

PROFESSOR HENRY S. CARHART, who holds the chair of physics at the University of Michigan, and Professor W. B. Scott, who holds the chair of geology at Princeton, have been invited to join the official party to attend the South African meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science this summer.

PROFESSOR R. W. Wood, of the department of physics of the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. H. S. Jennings, of the zoological department of the University of Pennsylvania, have been elected honorary fellows of the Royal Microscopical Society of Great Britain.

PROFESSOR HUGO DE VRIES, professor of botany at Amsterdam, has been made a foreign member of the Belgian Academy of Sciences.

PROFESSOR E. VON DRYGALSKI has been elected a foreign member of the Geographical Society of Vienna.

THE Fothergillian prize of the Medical Society of London for 1905 has been awarded, by the council of the society, to Sir Frederick Treves in recognition of the value of his work in connection with abdominal surgery.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM H. PICKERING, of the Harvard College Observatory, will observe the total eclipse of the sun on August 30, in Algeria.

PROFESSOR ALBERT M. REESE, of Syracuse University, will go to Florida at the end of May under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution to collect eggs of the alligator with which to work out its embryology; subsequently he will spend some time at the biological laboratory of the Carnegie Institution on the Dry Tortugas.

DR. MARCUS S. FARR, curator in the Department of Paleontology, Princeton University, will again this year conduct an expedition to Wyoming and Montana.

At the meeting of the Physicochemical Club of Boston and Cambridge, at Harvard Union, on March 27, Professor A. A. Noyes spoke on the conductivity of certain acids, bases and

salts up to 218°, and Professor T. W. Richards spoke on the elimination of thermometric lag and the cooling correction in accurate calorimetry.

ON the anniversary of the death of Dr. Charles E. Beecher, who held the chair of paleontology at Yale University, his portrait was hung in the registrar's office.

PROFESSOR ALBERT A. WRIGHT, since 1874 professor of geology and zoology at Oberlin College, died at Oberlin as the result of a stroke of paralysis on April 2, at the age of fifty-nine years.

WE regret also to record the death of M. Victor Raulin, emeritus professor of geology at Bordeaux, at the age of ninety years, and of M. Julien, professor of geology at Clermont-Ferrand, at the age of sixty-five years.

THERE will be a civil service examination on May 10 to fill at least three vacancies in the position of civil engineer student in the Division of Tests, Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, at not exceeding \$50 per month each.

A NEW YORK state civil service examination will be held on April 22 to fill the position of histological laboratory assistant in the Pathological Institute at a salary of \$1,200. The position is open to both men and women.

A CONSULAR report states that the erection of the institute for cancer investigation, to be in the immediate vicinity of the Academy Hospital at Heidelberg, will be begun as soon as possible, and its completion is expected in the spring of 1906. It will be the first larger institution of its kind in Germany, and probably in Europe, where scientific investigation will be combined with treatment of patients. While the lower floor will serve exclusively for making bacteriological, pathological and other researches, and while the entire equipment will reflect the most modern scientific knowledge, the second floor will accommodate about forty patients who may expect temporary or permanent relief. The first impetus for this institute was given by an unknown party, who nine months ago donated the sum of 150,000 Marks for this purpose, on condition that it should be used exclusively for a hospital at

Heidelberg devoted to cancer investigation. Other unknown donors have increased the fund to about \$60,000. The government of the Grand Duchy of Baden, in accepting the trust on the part of the Grand Duke, has furnished the ground for the building and consented to manage the institution, for which purpose a considerable appropriation will be made.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE authorities of Stevens Institute of Technology have taken up vigorously the task of raising the additional \$100,000 required to render available the \$100,000 conditionally donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie and President Alexander C. Humphreys (\$50,000 each) at the recent dinner of the Stevens alumni. It is expected that the alumni will heartily cooperate by contributing and by awakening the interest of their friends.

THE chair of social and political ethics at Columbia University, held by Professor Felix Adler, has been endowed. The university has also received \$10,000 from Mr. F. L. Stetson towards a building for the Law School.

DR. LEWELLYS F. BARKER, professor of anatomy at the University of Chicago, has been called to the chair of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, vacant by the removal of Dr. William Osler to Oxford. At the same time Dr. W. S. Thayer, associate professor of medicine, has been advanced to a professorship of clinical medicine.

DR. B. B. GALLAUDET, demonstrator in anatomy at Columbia University, has been appointed adjunct professor, and Dr. W. P. Montague, tutor in philosophy, has been made instructor.

THOMAS C. ESTY, professor of mathematics at Rochester University, has received a call to a similar position at Amherst, where he will succeed his father, Professor William C. Esty, who has been an instructor at Amherst for forty-three years.

WM. A. HILTON, Ph.D., formerly assistant in histology and embryology in Cornell University, has been appointed to the chair of biology in Pomona College for the coming year.